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FOR STATE AND LABOR

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SUBJECT: AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT STATISTICS SHOW
HUGE MANHOUR LOSS.

1. AUSTRALIAN FEDERAL BUREAU OF CENSUS AND STATISTICS (BCS) (GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT WHICH PERFORMS MANY SERVICES AND ISSUES REPORTS SIMILAR TO THOSE PROVIDED BY US DEPT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS) ON OCTOBER 8 RELEASED FIGURES FOR SECOND QUARTER 1973, WHICH SHOWED THAT AUSTRALIAN WORKFORCE LOST 860,000 WORK DAYS THROUGH STRIKES DURING PERIOD. THIS REPRESENTS MORE THAN 40 PERCENT INCREASE OVER SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. THESE STOPPAGES COST WORKERS 14.3 MILLION AUSTRALIAN DOLLARS IN PAY.

2. ACCORDING TO LOCAL PRESS, DEPUTY OPPOSITION LEADER PHILLIP LYNCH, MIN. LABOR IN LAST GOVERNMENT, WAS
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QUICK TO USE BCS PRESS RELEASE AS BASIS FOR ATTACK ON

RULING PARTY, CHARACTERIZING RECENT PERIOD AS "WORST
TYPE OF INDUSTRIAL TURMOIL IN RECENT HISTORY" AND NOTED
THAT LABOR PARTY HAD FAILED TO FULFILL ITS POLITICAL
CAMPAIGN PROMISES OF LAST YEAR TO "USHER IN AN ERA OF
INDUSTRIAL PEACE". SINCE LABOR WAS OUT OF COUNTRY AT

TIME OF LYNCH STATEMENT NO RESPONSE WAS MADE THEN, NOT SINCE.

3. COMMENT:THE FIGURES RELEASED BY BCS DO NOT INCLUDE
ALL THE RECENT STRIKES, STATISTICS FOR WHICH WILL
DRAMATICALLY AFFECT ANNUAL MANHOURS LOST.
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